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(Neb.)-Accomplice To Stand Trial In Jailer Death



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(Gering)-The 16-year-old inmate accused of aiding in the fatal assault of Scotts Bluff County Corrections Officer Amanda Baker will face trial following a one hour preliminary hearing Thursday attended by family members of the victim and the defendant.

KNEB in Scottsbluff is reporting that Nebraska State Patrol investigator Stacy Lundgren testified during the hearing that Guy Eagle Elk asked to speak with her about conversations he had with 15 year old first degree murder suspect Dylan Cardeilhac about the planned attack and Cardeilhac's intent to escape.

Lundgren said Eagle Elk told her he spoke with Cardeilhac in conversations between their cells, advising him on a choke hold and telling him it would be easier to target the female corrections officer. Lundgren testified Eagle Elk even taunted Cardeilhac to commit the attack when Cardeilhac began to waiver on doing it.

Defense attorney Bill Madelung maintained Eagle Elk had only advised Cardeilhac on how to choke Baker for 30 seconds, just long enough for her to pass out and that Cardeilhac went "way past that". But County Attorney Doug Warner said the advice by Eagle Elk provided "a substantial risk of death". Judge Kris Mickey then agreed the state had presented enough evidence to bind the case over for trial in district court.

Eagle Elk will be arraigned March 7th at 1 p.m. Bond remains at \$500,000 with a 10% cash provision.

(Story courtesy KNEB)